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REDUCING AVOIDABLE HOSPITALIZATIONS ACROSS THE
CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT**

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CMS - CMP REDUCING AVOIDABLE HOSPITALIZATIONS ACROSS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY #17057G

AGENCY BACKGROUND	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 and has the responsibility for insuring over two million people in the State of Georgia, maximizing the State's health care purchasing power, coordinating health planning for State agencies and proposing cost-effective solutions for reducing the number of uninsured. Within DCH, the Healthcare Facility Regulation Division (HFRD) is responsible for health care planning, licensing, certification and oversight of various health care facilities and services in Georgia. The division was created in 2009 as a result of the passage of two laws, HB 228 (2009) and SB 433 (2008). These laws transferred functions previously performed by the Office of Regulatory Services to DCH in 2009.</p> <p>In 2011, the division also became responsible for providing direction for the Certificate of Need (CON) program in recognition of the value of integrating the administration of health planning with health care regulation.</p>
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) collects fines or civil monetary penalties (CMP) which are Georgia's (GA) Medicaid portion of penalties assessed in CMP agreements between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and penalized nursing homes. Monies collected by CMS are transmitted to and kept in a fund managed by Georgia. CMP funds may be used by GA for any project that directly benefits facility residents in accordance with regulations. Project categories are as follows: direct improvement to quality of care; resident or family councils, culture change/quality of life; consumer information; transition preparation; training; and resident transition due to facility closure or downsizing. CMS has approval authority for the use of all civil money penalty funds proposed by GA and/or directly by CMS.</p> <p>HFRD manages licenses, monitors and inspects a variety of facilities and services including hospitals, assisted living facilities, personal home care homes and nursing homes facilities. The division investigates complaints and inspects health care facilities within Georgia.</p>
RENEWAL AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The CMS - CMP Funds Reducing Avoidable Hospitalizations Across the Continuum of Care Grant was created to assist states located in Region IV (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee) with reducing avoidable hospitalizations and to educate residents, family members, staff and community partners on best practices in reducing avoidable hospitalizations.</p> <p>The Georgia Department of Community Health has renewed the CMS - CMP Funds Reducing Avoidable Hospitalizations Across the Continuum of Care Grant under the same terms and conditions in effect at the time of renewal.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Florida Atlantic University will implement a staff training program to educate staff on the effective use of the Guide. The Decision Guide, <i>Go to the Hospital or Stay Here?</i> (referred to as the "Guide"), is designed for residents and their families to provides information on treatment that can be provided in the nursing home, risks and benefits of hospitalization versus treatment in the nursing home, and information about advance care planning.</p>
RENEWAL AWARD AMOUNT	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$0.00